

AUBURN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

August 28, 2006

Closed Session 5:30 p.m.

Regular Session 6:00 p.m.

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall at 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California with Vice Mayor Bob Snyder presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Kevin Hanley (arrived at 5:45 p.m.), Keith Nesbitt, Bridget Powers, Bob Snyder

Council Members Absent: Mike Holmes

Staff Members Present: City Manager Bob Richardson
City Attorney Michael Colantuono
Police Chief Valerie Harris
Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi
Public Works Director Jack Warren
Engineering Division Manager Bernie Schroeder
Finance Director Andy Heath
Administrative Manager Joanna Belanger
Community Development Director Will Wong
Airport Manager Jerry Martin

By **MOTION** adjourn to a closed session under Government Code Section 54957.6:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Agency Designated Representative: David Mackowiak
Employee Organization: Firefighters Association & Police Officers Association

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No action taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes

By **MOTION** approve City Council Minutes of July 6, July 17, July 19 and 24, 2006.

2. Rezone-580 Wall Street (Wall Street Gardens Condominiums) – File RE 05-2

By **ORDINANCE 06-6** hold a second reading by title only of an ordinance changing the zoning designation for the Wall Street Gardens Condominiums project at 580 Wall Street from Regional Commercial (C-3) to Multiple-Family Residential (R3).

Second reading by title only by City Attorney Michael Colantuono.

3. Wastewater Treatment Plant Pond 1A Lining Project

By **RESOLUTION 06-112** authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a construction contract with Aero-West Construction, Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Pond 1A Lining Project in an amount not to exceed \$407,787.60.

4. Telecommunications Commission Appointment

By **RESOLUTION 06-113** appoint Dan J. Mc Nicholas to the Telecommunications Commission to fill an unscheduled vacancy with the term ending January, 2009.

5. Appointment to Economic Development Commission

By **RESOLUTION 06-114** appoint Bud Richardson to the Economic Development Commission to serve out the term vacated by J. Randall Smith ending December, 2006.

6. **Edgewood Connector**

Item removed by Council Member Powers for further discussion; follows Consent Calendar.

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

By **MOTION** approve Consent Calendar as amended. **MOTION: Nesbitt/Hanley/Approved 4:0/Absent: Holmes**

6. **Edgewood Connector**

Public Works Director Jack Warren said that when this connector was first brought up, the estimated cost was \$50,000. The latest estimate is \$3 million. The City's share would be about \$1 million. In 1986 the City began collecting mitigation fees of \$3,905 per lot to build a second access out to Highway 49 near Edgewood. The collected mitigation fees now amount to \$192,276. Cal Trans removed the Edgewood Connector when they redesigned the Highway 49 project. For the City of Auburn this project is far too costly and unaffordable. The City should keep the funds and use them wisely elsewhere.

Council Member Hanley said he was concerned about the lack of an escape route from that area. He would like a study of alternative routes. And if there are no alternatives, perhaps the City should return the monies.

Council Member Powers agreed and said the monies should be returned.

Council Member Nesbitt said he would like to see more real involvement from the neighbors.

Council Member Snyder said City staff should provide a report on the alternatives.

By **RESOLUTION 06-115** terminate all efforts to construct the Edgewood Connector, a second access from Highway 49 to the Auburn Hills development, and use accumulated development impact fees for other access improvements to this development. **MOTION: Nesbitt/Snyder/Approved 4:0/Absent: Holmes**

7. **Public Comment**

Christine Rydell from State Senator Anestaaad's office thanked the City Council for helping to get the CHP helicopter back in Auburn. She also thanked City Manager Bob Richardson and City Attorney Michael Colantuono for all their help. She especially thanked Airport manager Jerry Martin. She presented and read a Senate resolution honoring him for his influential role in the return of the CHP helicopter to Auburn.

Council Member Snyder pointed out that Senator Anestaaad didn't need to take this on because Auburn is not even in his district. He saw the need and got involved.

Rich Munster of Canyon Drive expressed his concerns about the reconstruction of the sewer lift station across from his property. The placement of the tank and generator presents an eyesore to his property, ruins his view and may adversely affect his property value.

A neighbor also said he thought the project was misrepresented, especially the visual part. He invited the Council Members to take a look at the project.

REPORTS

8. State Theater Report – Paul Ogden

Continued to the September 25th meeting.

9. Informational Reports from Staff

A. Public Works Director Jack Warren Auburn School Park Preserve Phase 2 Project.

The contractor was unable to get a performance bond in the amount of the contract (\$3 million). The solution was to divide Phase 2 into two parts so that he could get a \$1.5 million bond for each half. However, as of tonight, there is still no contract. There should be one in the next few days (with some modifications). Because of the delays on this project, the City is at risk of losing two grants from the state of California and the Sierra cascade totaling \$715,000. They are set to expire on April 30, 2007.

Council Member Snyder said construction should be extended with longer workdays to complete the project this year.

Mr. Warren said there would be additional costs for longer workdays during winter.

B. Police Chief Valerie Harris.

The Police Chief reviewed her written report. She discussed the department's staffing, activities, grants and projects. She discussed the radio system update and the crime statistics.

10. **City Council Committee Reports**

Keith Nesbitt reported on the Green Print program. He said they have plans to greatly increase the tree canopy in the area.

Bridget Powers said the Endurance Capital Party will be held in October.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

11. **Auburn Recreation District (ARD) Finance and Capital Projects Presentation**

ARD District Administrator Kahl Muscott discussed ARD's finances and Administrative Services Manager Joe Fecko discussed the capital projects within the city limits of Auburn.

12. **Auburn Park Preserve Phase 2, Amendment 4, RHAA**

By **RESOLUTION 06-116** authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Amendment No. 4 to compensate RHAA for services provided for the Auburn Park Preserve Phase 2. **MOTION: Hanley/Powers/**
Approved 4:0/Absent: Holmes

ADJOURNMENT at 8:45 p.m.

Adjourn to meeting of the Auburn Urban Development Authority.

Bob Snyder, Vice Mayor

Joseph G.R. Labrie, City Clerk